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Subject: MicroSoft Settlement

I have read about the proposed settlement and I am not in favor of it in its current state. Please consider this a vote against the current settlement, as well as a vote to seek a settlement that is more favorable to Microsoft's competitors and to consumers in general.

It is my belief, as a computer user and as a professional in the computer industry for more that 20 years, that MicroSoft has caused as much harm as they have good in the software industry. As a minimum I say that the DOJ and US government should be putting a stop to Microsoft's monopoly by forcing them to;

- A) keep their file formats non proprietary, documented and open
- B) unbundle applications from the operating system
- C) release the source code for the operating system
- D) ensure that they include and adhere to industry standards and protocols that allow communication and data sharing between MicroSoft and non MicroSoft products alike. i.e. no more embracing and extending a standard.
- E) stop using its position to prevent suppliers of computer hardware products from offering or installing alternative non MicroSoft software products in addition too or instead of MicroSoft software on their products.

As it is proposed the current settlement simply appears that the government is unable to negotiate the necessary settlement to protect and act in its citizens best interest.

Thank you for this opportunity express my opinion about this matter.

Sincerely,

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